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LITERARY.
EDITED BY FRANCES G. MOSER.

Some very creditable verses by
Hildegard Hawthorne, in the cur-
rent number of a magazine, mark
the appearance, though not strictly
the debut, in literature of a genera-
tion of the Hawthorne family.

According to the laws of heredity
this young woman ought to be the
heir of Nathaniel Hawthorne's
genius, and the world of readers
will not oblige her to live up to so
high a standard as her father found
established for himself. Miss Haw-
thorne, who has just passed into the
twenties, is the oldest of Julian
Hawthorne's large and interesting
family, and she has long been the
apple of her father's eye. She has
been celebrated in verse by Eugene
Field, who had a strong affection
for her.—*Leslie's Weekly.*

* * *
Rudyard Kipling's new poem,
"The Feet of Young Men," is a
feature of the Christmas Scribner.
It describes the longing for forests
as streams and adventure, the "old
spring-fret" when the "red gods"
call. The opening stanza runs:
Now the Four-Way Lodge is opened;
now the Hunting-winds are loose—
Now the Smokes of Spring go up to clear
the brain—
Now the young men's hearts are troubled for
the whisper of the True—
Now the Red Gods make their medicine
again!
Who hath seen the beaver bustled? who hath
watched the black-tail mating?
Who hath lain alone to hear the wild-
goose cry?
Who hath worked the chosen water where
the onaniche is waiting.
Or the sea-trout's jumping crazy for the
fly!

* * *
"Ian Maclaren," Rev. Dr. John
Watson, has treated in his forth-
coming work, "The Potter's Wheel,"
of a number of scriptural themes.
The titles of the various sermon-
ettes are: "The Potter's Wheel,"
Departures in Life," "Broken
Homes," "Loss of Goods," "Trials
of Faith," "Missing the Prize of
Life," "Vexatious Children," "Ob-
scurity," "Vanishing Illusions,"
"The Defeats of the Soul," "The
Veiling of the Soul," "Perplexing
Providences," "The World Sorrow,"
"The Problem of Personal Suffer-
ing," "Death," "Our Departed."

* * *
Judging from newspaper reports,
and from the example of the poetry
which follows, Pennsylvania has
indeed found a new poet in Lloyd
Mifflin. His new volume of poetry
"At the Gates of Song" is said to
reach an exceptional standard of
excellence. Nor need one wonder
at this when the poet himself in-
forms us that he has given more
than twenty years of life to the
study of poetry and art and that he
has made his selection as the cream
of three hundred sonnets. We
quote the following as a forcible ex-
ample of what this poet can do in a
familiar way:

The old remembered barn—how gray
It loomed above the orchard and the
spring!
The orchard where the robin used to sing
Building his nest beneath the blossomed
spray.
Where are the rose-bud maidens of that
day?
Some, like the birds, afar have taken
wing;
Some sleep below, but memories oft they
bring
Sweet as remembered odors of the hay.
Ah, yet once more across the shadowy years
She meets me in the gloaming. Down the
lane

We hear the dropping of the pasture bars.
It is the trying hour, and kindly stars
Bloom in the twilight trees. . . O Love!
O Tears!
Oh youth that was—that will not come
again!

Lloyd Mifflin is further said to
reveal a wide range of knowledge
and information. One thing is cer-
tain: he is an artist, and one who
loves his art more than his fame,
else he would long ago have thrust

his work before the public, instead
of patiently studying and writing
for twenty years before making his
selections. All hail Pennsylvania's
new poet!

HIS WIFE'S CHUM.

He had been married a year and
still found that marital happiness
was really a tangible thing, not the
fanciful vaporings of poetic en-
thusiasts. He was able to crumple
in the dust the highest and strong-
est arguments brought forward by
cynical bachelors that marriage is a
failure. But yet, with all his devo-
tion, he was able to appreciate a
pretty woman. He kept this ap-
preciation to himself. In a year's
time he had learned many valuable
truths of whose existence he had
not even dreamed before. One of
these was that it was far better for
a married man to keep some things
to himself and observe a religious
silence on others. One subject upon
which he kept a religious silence was
that of praising pretty women in
his wife's hearing. When he mar-
ried he thought his wife the most
beautiful creature which the wildest
dreams of a lover's fancy could
conjure up, but after a year's con-
stant association with her he had
been forced to acknowledge to him-
self that there were others as
pretty, and at last had decided that
some were prettier, but that none
was better or sweeter he never
doubted.

One morning at breakfast, as his
wife, clad in a bewitching gown,
was pouring coffee, the smart, white-
aproned maid came in with the
mail, and amid the pile of letters
was one upon which his wife seized
eagerly and tore open with the un-
conventional aid of the butter
knife.

"Oh, Jack," she said joyfully, as
she read on with a smiling face,
"Maud is coming. You remember
Maud?"

He did not remember Maud and
said so.

"Oh, yes, you do," his wife re-
plied. "She was my chum when you
came to see me before we were
married. She used to plague us by
coming in when we wanted to be
alone. Don't you remember?"

Jack had a dim recollection of a
small girl who used to make herself
"too confoundedly numerous," as
Jack had once said in a moment of
exasperation, but her face he could
not call to mind. So he nodded and
asked when she was coming.

"To-night," she says. She does
not mention the train. There are
two, you know. I suppose she will
take the 10.35 from Boston, where
she wants to do some shopping. I
am so glad she is coming. We can
have such fun talking over old
times and, oh, lots of things."

Jack folded his napkin, got his
grip and, accompanied by his wife,
walked to the door which opens on
a pretty porch with the woodbine
and the view of the garden and the
woods crossing the hill. The old
familiar scene was enacted at part-
ing for the day, and Jack went
briskly down the path to the road
which leads to the railroad station,
stopped at the gate long enough to
look back and wave a farewell to
the figure in the bewitching morn-
ing gown which stood in the door
framed by the woodbine. He
boarded the train which took him
to Boston at just the same time
every week day. Jack was a young
lawyer of considerable ability and
already had a fairly good practice
in a profession which is so over-
crowded.

Every afternoon at 5.30 the train
started back from the big, smoky,
noisy B. and A. station, and every
afternoon at 5.30 Jack entered the
last car with his grip and his paper.
In the middle of the week the train
was seldom crowded, and often
Jack found himself entirely alone
for most of the journey. This hap-
pened to be one of the days, and
Jack stretched himself out
comfortably and began to read the
paper. The main line pulled out in
a slow and dignified manner. Jack
saw a flash of white fly by the
window, and the next moment a
charming young woman with dark-
brown hair, laughing-brown eyes
and a red necktie stood in the door,
a vision of summer personified.
She was so extremely pretty that
Jack could not help looking at her
again as she came down the aisle.
She caught his eye, a half-surprised
expression flashed over her face, she
paused uncertainly and then deli-
berately sat down directly opposite
Jack. She arranged her blue skirt
daintily, looked out the window and
then at Jack, who found himself
stealing a surreptitious glance at
her from the edge of the paper
which he was pretending to read.

The same little comedy was gone
through with again, and this time
she smiled slightly but encourag-
ingly, and Jack smiled back. Nay,
do not frown. What would you
have done under the circumstances,
O stern and moral benedict of a
year's standing?

At any rate, Jack smiled, and
then, with malice aforethought, as
he very well knew, this pretty girl
began to struggle ineffectually to
raise the car window. Now this
has been the accepted prelude to
car flirtations since the invention of
railroads, and there is good ground
for thinking that it may be the
reason why car windows always
stick. As soon as Jack saw her
attempts he gallantly sprang up and
offered to help her. With a charm-
ing confusion she accepted, and
after a few vigorous tugs the window
came up, and Jack sat down beside
the charming young woman. He
was so exhausted he had to.

"Oh, thank you so much," said
she. "It is so hard to get these
windows up. As I was coming
through on the main line I tried so
hard to get one up and no one
offered to help me."

"Have you ever been out this way
before?" he asked.

"Oh, yes. I used to live in Boston
or about here."

"Then you are acquainted here-
abouts?"

"Yes, indeed, I know—er, that is,
I—I do not know anyone now.
Everybody has moved away."

"No, what in the Dickens made
her blush like that?" thought Jack,
as the young lady became intensely
interested in the passing landscape.
She turned back again after a time,
but evidently had great difficulty in
meeting her companion's eyes.
Every reference to Boston or its
vicinity was discouraged with re-
strained confusion. Jack made
some tactful attempts at getting
her name, but every one was foiled.

"She's a bright girl," said Jack to
himself, "but what makes her want
to giggle all the time."

The train approached Alton
Centre, and the young lady made
preparations to leave the train, and
while it pulled into the station Jack
carried her bag to the door and
wished her a good-bye. She turned
as if to speak to him and then ran
down the steps.

"She is a mighty pretty girl,"
mused Jack as he resumed his seat.
"But what—wonder if I'd better
say anything to Edith about it. No,
I won't—no need of it," and he be-
gan to read his paper.

His wife met him at the gate and
her face wore a look of disappoint-
ment.

"Maud is not coming to-day,
Jack," she said. "She wrote me
that she was going to stop off to
see a friend and come on to-morrow
on the afternoon train. Isn't it
mean, after all my preparations, too?"

Jack thought it was, and the sub-
ject dropped. In the evening they
went over to the Van Pluyt's to
play whist, and Edith beat Jack
and Mrs. Van Pluyt, much to
Edith's delight and Jack's chagrin,
for if there was one thing on which
Jack prided himself it was his
whist and his famous combination
play of the king second hand which
had never failed of its object, but
did fail signally that night.

For some unaccountable reason
the next day did not pass as well
for Jack in the city. Everything
went wrong. His typewriter spoiled
two briefs when they were almost
done and he dropped his big ink-
stand and spilled all the ink on the
pretty rug he and Edith had
selected to make the office look
more cheery. When it came time
for him to go to the station he was
glad and sank within his accus-
tomed seat with a sigh of relief.
He remembered the affair of the
day before and wished he had told
Edith, and compromised with him-
self by deciding to tell her when he
reached home. The monotonous
rattling of clicking cars jarred upon
him, and he could not read. When
the train stopped at West Alton Jack
temper had not improved materially,
and when he ran into a fat man
with two grips he did not even beg
the fat man's pardon, although he
knew that it was his own fault, but
muttered savagely something about
people not looking where they were
going.

Edith did not meet him at the
gate as usual, and that irritated
him more. As he neared the little
porch he heard the sound of
animated voices. One was Edith's.
The other sounded strangely
familiar. Where had he heard it
before? He racked his brain, but
could not determine. As he opened
the door to the cool, darkened sit-
ting-room Edith met him.

"Maud has come, Jack," she said,
and dragged him into the room

where, seated on the divan with the
big cushions was a white form
which his eyes, unaccustomed to
the dimness of the room, could not
make out.

"Maud, this is my husband, Jack,"
said Edith. "You remember Jack?"

"I believe that we have had the
pleasure of meeting more recently,
Mr. Strong," said Maud, with a
roguish smile.

Jack started back with his mouth
open, but no voice came from it.
He was petrified. He could only
stare at her hopelessly. She was
the girl whom he had met so uncon-
ventionally the day before in the car.

"Er—ah, yes, yes, of course," he
managed to gasp, "delighted"—and
sank down upon the nearest chair
with the perspiration standing out
upon his forehead. The wife stood
like a statue of ice and looked from
Maud, who was smiling self-pos-
sessed, to Jack, who looked like a
melting molasses cady image.

"I do not quite understand," she
began.

Maud said nothing, but kept her
calm, roguish smile. Edith
turned to Jack and almost caught
him in the act of making a wild
gesture toward Maud. He wilted
further.

"John," said Edith—and when
she said "John," she meant what
she said, and Jack knew it—"John,
what does this mean?"

"Er—my dear—it means—I—the
fact is—Oh, dash it—I—I saw her
yesterday in the car. That is what
it means," and Jack blurted it out
in a voice which was a combination
of a groan and a shout.

"Met her in the car? Well, I see
no reason why you should be con-
fused about it." Edith had become
very haughty.

Jack said nothing. He was swear-
ing. He was swearing to himself.
Maud saw that it had gone far
enough, and that it was time for her
to speak.

"Come Edith," she said, "I'll con-
fess. When I entered the car yester-
day afternoon I recognized your
husband at once, and was going to
speak to him, but I saw that he did
not recognize me. I—well, I do
not know why I did it, but you
know my fault is liking fun and
practical jokes and all that, and I
just thought that it would be fun
to play a trick on him, and then
tell you all about it. He kindly
helped me—here she smiled at
Jack, who cursed mentally—"to
raise the window, and then he talked
very nicely to me. And I nearly
died with laughing and having to
keep it to myself. When I left the
train at Alton I intended to tell
him all about it, but the thought of
seeing the expression on his face
when he met to-day kept me from
it. That's all, Edith. It was just
one of my awful practical jokes.
Forgive me, dear, but really I could
not help it."

Jack had straightened up when
she began her tale, and when she
had finished said emphatically:
"Yes, by George, that's all, Edith.
I was going to tell you about it to-
night myself."

Edith looked from one to the
other doubtfully, and when she
thought of the unutterable word de-
picted upon the face of poor Jack
and his bad quarter of an hour, her
sense of humor came to her and she
was forced to smile and was joined
by Maud, who had had great diffi-
culty in keeping her face straight
for the last fifteen minutes, and by
Jack, upon whom the smile of
Edith had produced a reaction.
They all laughed loudly and Edith
kissed Maud, and then everybody
went into one of those delightful
little dinners for which the Strongs
were so justly famous.

But that night after Maud had
gone to her room and Jack was
smoking his pipe, Edith looked up
from her book and gazed at Jack
long and earnestly. He met her
gaze with a fond smile.

"Jack, Maud is a dear girl, isn't
she?"

"Why, yes, of course she is."
"She's an old friend of mine, too,
and I think a great deal of her. She
and I went to school together. She
was always so jolly and so fond of
practical jokes, and that sort of
thing, you know."

She paused and fingered the cover
of her book. She was in deep
thought.

"Jack, don't you think that peo-
ple who are that way carry things a
little too far sometimes?"

And Jack smiled.—*Rochester Post
Express.*

**A UNIQUE COLLECTION OF
BOOKS.**

Miss Louise Baxter, daughter of
the late Judge Nathaniel Baxter, of
the Supreme Bench of Tennessee,
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Tennessee Centennial.

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and is familiar with the literature
of many countries, so she made a
collection of the writings of women
from all corners of the earth. To
do this, she wrote seven hundred
letters to foreign governments,
many of them in the language of
the countries to which they were
sent. The collection comprises
5,000 volumes written exclusively
by women, of every country where
there is a literature.

There are four books written by
a Chinese woman, A. D. 25. This
woman wrote about the manners
and customs of women, and recom-
mended obedience to husbands.
These books were sent by the
Empress of China. The Emperor
of Japan sent 125 books written by
the women of his realm. There are
twelve modern Greek books sent by
Queen Olga.

There are books from Armenia, Per-
sia, Hungary, Roumania, Russia, Ger-
many, France, Italy, Austria, Portu-
gal, Spain, England, Ireland, Scot-
land, Norway and Sweden. All the
South American countries are repre-
sented. Many of these books were
the only ones by women ever pub-
lished in the country from which
they were sent. This was the case
with the volumes from Honduras
and Guatemala. Many of them
have been presented to Miss Baxter
by the different governments which
responded to her request.—*St. Louis
Republic.*

**ARE WOMEN HURTING THE
CHANCES OF MEN IN
BUSINESS?**

Carrell D. Wright, in a recent
Osbunian, makes the following
statements on this subject:

"From tables based on the United
States Censuses of 1870, 1880, 1890,
it is found that the proportion of
women laborers, all the occupations
of the country being considered, is
gradually increasing, not to an
alarming extent, but yet steadily,
the gain being a little less than 3
per cent.

"The census of 1870 recorded but
one architect among the women of
this country, while twenty-two were
found in 1890. There were no
women among the chemists, as-
sayers, and metallurgists in 1870,
while the enumerations in 1890
found 46. . . . engaged in
these occupations. There were 69
clergy women in 1870 and 1,335 in
1890. Dentistry has also attracted
women, and while there were but 24
in this occupation in 1870, there
were 337 in 1890.

"The fact is absolutely demon-
strated that the proportion of
females in all occupations followed
is gradually increasing, a study of
all the facts, shows that women are
more generally taking the place of
children than of men. In 1870 the
percentage of children of the whole
number of persons employed in
manufacturing was 5.50, while in
1890 the percentage was only 2.63.
There need not be any alarm, there-
fore, as to the encroachments is
slight. Very many reasons are
given by employers for the employ-
ment of women in place of men,
for, on being their greater adapta-
bility for the particular work for
which they are employed. Many
employers also consider them more
reliable, more easily controlled,
cheaper, more temperate, more
easily procured, neater, more rapid,
more industrious, more careful,
more polite, less liable to strike,
and more easy to learn. Of course
very many employers give a combination
of two or more of these reasons.

"The facts relative to woman's
compensation show that there is
progress in her favor, although the
statistics bring out a very great
economic injustice in this respect.
In one investigation it was shown
that in 781 instances in which men
and women worked at the same oc-
cupation, and performed their work
with the same degree of efficiency,
men received greater pay in 595
cases and women greater pay in
only 129, while in only 57 instances
out of the whole number did they
receive the same pay for the same
work, which is only 7.3 per cent. of
the cases noted."

Wyoming and Utah have laws
according to men and women, equal
wages for equal work.

A SIMPLE ROMANCE.

**THE UNCULTURED LOVER WAS ABOVE
PAR AND WON THE HEIRESS.**

He was tall, handsome, uncultured.
The lovely child of Ebenezer
Squeezem appreciated both his
virtues and his defects. What cared
this offspring of luxury for the con-
ventional simperings of the curled
darlings of the social world?

Nothing. True manliness, unfettered,
unstudied, was her soul enthralling
ideal.

One day she drew him to a pro-
posal. He was her father's assistant
gardener and easily drawn.

When he had asked the same old
question she smilingly referred him
to her father.

"But-but," he stammered, "what
shall I say to him?"

"Tell him," said the laughing girl,
"that I will never marry any man
who is not above par."

The young lover went away sor-
rowful. Was she making game
of him? He shuddered at the possi-
bility. If not what did she mean
by that queer talk about being above
par?

But he went straight to old
Squeezem.

"Sir," he said, in his simple
straightforward way, "I'd like to
marry your daughter."

The aged financier turned purple.
He choked and gurgled. Then he
flung himself tooth and nail on the
young man's neck.

For a moment there was a wild
stamp-around. Chairs went over, a
table was upturned, then a dull thud
shook the chandelier. When the
dust cleared away the terror of the
wheat pit was lying flat on his alder-
manic stomach, with the robust
young lover comfortably seated on
his back.

A moment later the portieres were
drawn aside and the lovely heiress
appeared. Before she could speak
the young man joyfully called to her:

"Didn't you say you would never
marry a man who wasn't above
par?"

"Yes," she murmured.

"Well," he gleefully cried, "just
look at par's position at this blessed
moment!"

They live abroad now and are
very happy.—*Cleveland Plain-
Dealer.*

A WATCH IS A WONDER.

SOME THINGS ABOUT IT THAT ARE NOT
GENERALLY KNOWN.

Open your watch and look at the
little wheels, springs and screws,
each an indispensable part of the
whole wonderful machine. Notice
the busy little balance-wheel as it
flies to and fro unceasingly, day
and night, year in and year out.
This wonderful little machine is the
result of hundreds of years of study
and experiment.

THE aged mother of President McKinley is critically ill at her home in Canton, Ohio.

Will the editor of the Doylestown *Intelligencer* kindly give us an illustration or two, from his standpoint, in relation to the "inexorable laws of transactions?"

We devote considerable space on this page to a portion of Judge Swartz's able and comprehensive decision in the issue between the Perkiomen Railroad Company and the Traction Companies in this borough. The Judge reasons well, and his position is doubtless supported by law.

The announcement is made that beginning with January 1, 1898, Calvin Pardee & Co., will conduct their stores at Lattimer and Harwood on a cash basis and sell goods at the lowest figure. It is believed this is the beginning of a general breaking up of the store order system in the mining regions of the State.

STEADY, editor Haldeman of the *Harleysville News*: Don't be too sure that, if Senator Saylor does not go to Matanzas, "he will be nominated and elected to succeed himself to another term in the State Senate." If Mr. Saylor does not go to Matanzas, or some other foreign port, he will be more likely to attend to his law practice at Pottstown than go to Harrisburg as a Senator from Montgomery for another term. Much more. You are counting too many chickens, editor Haldeman.

It has been officially announced at Washington that Governor John W. Griggs, of New Jersey, has been tendered and has accepted the office of Attorney General of the United States, which will be vacated by the nomination of Attorney General McKenna to be Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. It has not yet been settled when Governor Griggs shall assume the new office, but it is probable that the date will be about the beginning of the new year.

A CHAPTER, which will form a part of the annual report of the Secretary of Internal Affairs, shows that in comparison with former years the receipts of many of the street railways have fallen off, and the increased use of the bicycle is offered as the chief reason for this shrinkage. An example of the effect of bicycle-riding upon street-car patronage is furnished from a test made in Harrisburg during two days in October last, during which 6,078 persons passed a given point on bicycles while only 1,962 passed the same point on a popular street-car line.

A NAVAL BOARD appointed to ascertain the cost of an armor plate plant has submitted an extensive report which sets forth that such a plant, with a capacity of 6,000 tons of plate per annum will require about \$3,750,000. Whether Congress will authorize the creation of such an enterprise, or not, it is evident that the plate cannot be furnished by the government at the limit of cost fixed by the last appropriation bill. If the government cannot adhere to strict business principles and avoid all favoritism in awarding contracts it will not mend matters by setting up any kind of business on its own account.

THE Fifty-fifth Congress, of the United States, convened at Washington for its first regular session Monday morning, with Vice-President Hobart and Speaker Reed in place in the Senate and House.

The President's annual message was presented to Congress Monday afternoon. The President gives the usual review of the various departments of the Government. He takes it for granted that the tariff law of the present will ultimately afford sufficient revenue, and points out clearly the necessity of reform in our present currency. He particularly urges that the United States notes or greenbacks when redeemed in gold shall be held in the Treasury and paid out again only in exchange for gold. His chapter in relation to Cuba will hardly satisfy the average jingoist yelling for gore, since the President thinks the United States should refrain from immediate action. The President seems to favor the annexation of Hawaii, but his reasons are hardly convincing. He winds up a cleverly written message with these suggestive and highly important words: "It is a commanding duty to keep the appropriations within the receipts of the government and thus avoid a deficit." That's the milk in the coconut in the management of the Government Mr. President, and it is to be hoped

that the present Congress will heed your admonition.

FROM the Lansdale Reporter:—The county press is unanimous in endorsing the suggestions made by the Collegeville Independent that our own Thos. J. Stewart be pressed for the next gubernatorial nomination. No man is better known over the State than "gallant Tom," and no nomination to be foreseen at this writing would arouse such enthusiasm among the rank and file of the party than the nomination of the Ex-Secretary of Internal Affairs for Governor.

THE proposed trolley line from Norristown to Ambler seems to be effectually blocked by the refusal of one of the property owners along the route to grant the right of way. Free government is certainly set at defiance where the power of one individual can handicap the material interests of all the other individuals of a community. This is one of the instances where big majorities are of no consequence, and the urgent need of such legislation as will prevent the interests of the many in the matter of obtaining rapid transit between local points from being throttled by a single mogul, can hardly be doubted. Candidates for the next Legislature from Montgomery will hear from the people in ample time to prepare to very directly answer certain questions.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 3, 1897.—Great as has been the power of Speaker Reed during previous sessions of Congress, it must be greater still during this session, if he can succeed in carrying out the program he is credited with having drawn up. It taxed his power to the utmost all during the last Congress to prevent the passing of any public building bills by the House, and at the extra session of the present Congress it was only by using the argument that the extra session was called solely to pass a tariff bill, and that inaction on other legislation by the House was absolutely necessary in order to hurry up action by the Senate on the tariff, that he succeeded in carrying out his wishes. At both of these sessions he had the support of Mr. McKinley, who then had many juicy plans to bestow upon his friends, and at the extra session the desire for good committee assignments, also kept many members of the House quiet. Now, Mr. McKinley has disposed of most of his stock of plums and the House committee are all formed, yet the speaker's program is said to be that there shall be no public building, private claims or river and harbor bill passed by the House at this session. The difficulty of carrying out such a program can be fully appreciated when it is remembered that right after the close of this session members of the House will want to appear before their constituents and ask for re-nomination.

Senator Cullom outlines a policy for his party in the Senate that would be in thorough accord with common sense and business principles, when he said, in reply to a question as to what his party ought to try to do in the shape of financial legislation at this session of Congress: "Unless we can be assured by a poll of the Senate that a financial bill can be passed, I think the republicans should shut their mouths shut on the subject." But that policy is not likely to be adopted. It is almost certain that there is to be much debate from all sides of the financial question at this session, especially in the Senate, and equally certain that no general financial bill will be passed, although there appears to be a slight chance in favor of legislation amending the National banking laws. Some of the republicans, especially such extreme gold men as Senator Lodge, of Mass., are of the opinion that unless their party makes an aggressive fight they will be forced by the silver men to make a defensive one, and think it will be good politics, regardless of their ability to pass a bill, to start the fighting and keep it up right through the session, or until a vote is reached in the Senate. The democrats and populists, like brier fox, are laying low and saying nothing, waiting for the republicans to formulate and announce their policy.

The advocates of a further restriction upon immigrants are already making themselves heard in Washington, and it is evident that a very determined effort in that direction is going to be made in Congress, and from present indications it will probably be successful, although not to the radical extent that extremists are asking for. In order to carry out to the letter the instruction of Congress, Secretary Long will advertise for bids for the construction of a government armor-making plant, which naval officers estimate will cost \$3,750,000, although he is personally opposed to the idea. It would not be surprising if there are no bidders owing to the knowledge of those who might be disposed to bid that it would in all probability be merely wasting their time. The naval officers made no recommendation of a location for the plant, although it is quite certain that they decided upon one. Not only this, but other new schemes calling for an

appropriation of any size, will be opposed by the administration and by leading republicans in Congress, because of the condition of the government's finances. Chairman Cannon, of the House committee on Appropriations, has publicly stated his intention to oppose all appropriations for the beginning of new enterprises by the government, until the government receipts exceed its expenditures. President McKinley has had the estimates made by the heads of all the departments of the amount needed for the next fiscal year cut to the lowest possible figures, in order to keep the appropriations down. No republican of prominence has acknowledged that the Dingley tariff has been disappointing up to this time as a revenue-producer, but all these things tell the story to the observant. The administration naturally prefers cutting the appropriations down to going to Congress for additional tariff legislation at this session. By next July the tariff may be bringing in all the money needed, as Secretary Gage now asserts. If so, everything will be right, and the republicans can claim credit for having known it all the time. If it isn't all right, then Congress will at the next session have to provide for more revenue.

FROM NORRISTOWN.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., December 6, 1897.—Some of the newspapers having stated that the late Melhem McGlathery, of Norristown, had made a discrimination against one of his children in his will, it may be properly stated, the will is now on record and the estate is divided equally among his four children. The only real estate consists of a double house and lot on Swede street, where the decedent resided in his life time after he purchased the property from the late B. Markley Boyer who vacated the premises when he was elected to Congress, and this property Mr. McGlathery devised to his daughter Caroline at the valuation of \$5000, she to pay to each of the other heirs \$1250. If she declines to accept it, then the property is to be sold and all the estate to be divided equally among all the heirs. There are four—three daughters and one son. Certain articles of furniture in the several rooms of the house, only, are bequeathed specifically to the several daughters. The codicil to the will is dated in '95 and only makes these changes, reduces the valuation of the house from \$6000 to \$5000, and makes all three daughters executrices. The personal property consists of stocks, bonds and money.

John C. Cope, constable of the 6th Ward, and Fish Warden, will sail on Saturday on a trip to Ireland his native land which he left when he was about 18 years of age; he is now 65. He will visit the place of his birth and then extend his trip to other places in Scotland—his ancestors were Scotch, and Mr. Cope is fond of quoting from Robert Burns their Bard.

The Republican County Committee met this Monday morning in Norristown and brought together many of the prominent members of the party, among them ex-legislator George Hollenbach, I. R. Haldeman, of the *Harleysville News*, a popular candidate for the Legislature; Alfred E. Houser, of Ardmore, an energetic candidate for Sheriff; Frank A. Hower, editor of the *Bryn Mawr News*, who made the motion for the reelection of all the officers of the County Committee which was unanimously carried; Robert K. Johnson a prominent candidate for Supervisor; W. W. Potts, a candidate for the Legislature; Souder, of Telford, M. S. Kulp's right-bower, the prothonotary-elect. It is now stated that the new Prothonotary has selected the Hallman, Esq. Samuel E. Nyce's deputy, to be his deputy, and Campbell, whoever he is, to be his assistant. Hallman is a good selection.

The Court was thronged as usual this morning; but there was no excited multitude as on many former occasions. Before the Grand Jury was charged the case of Commonwealth vs. John Linehan, remaining over from last term was called and sent up stairs for trial before Judge Weand; charge, false pretense. Judge Swartz then charged the Grand Jury who had selected ex-Burgess John H. White, of Norristown, to act as foreman. The Judge told them to obey their oaths, to keep secret the Commonwealth's counsel and their own; to hear only enough witnesses on each bill to satisfy themselves that the case ought to go to trial; that they should not attempt to try the case, or to decide the guilt or innocence of the accused, as the defendant and his witnesses could not be heard before them; that in misdemeanors they could, if they found "not a true bill," place the costs on the county or prosecutor, but never on the defendant, as he had no hearing before them. And also by a recent Act of Assembly they could likewise dispose of the costs in all felony cases where the sum involved did not exceed \$10.

Among the jurymen attending court none were more sprightly, active and lively than Wm. E. Logan, of Upper Providence. At the age of 73 he walked up the Court House hill at a 3-minute gait and no one would suppose that he was a hard working blacksmith over a half century, a popular horseman and driver, a leading hotel keeper and a business man of active life ever since he was old enough to hold the reins, blow the bellows or drive a nail. He is still erect and nimble and springs up at the call of his name with all the alacrity of a fox hunter.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION RENDERED BY JUDGE SWARTZ.

THE TROLLEY TRACKS OF THE COLLEGEVILLE ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY MAY BE LAID ACROSS THE TRACKS OF THE PERKIOMEN RAILROAD AT GRADE, IN THE BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE.

Wednesday afternoon of last week Judge Swartz handed down a decision in the case of Perkiomen Railroad Company vs. the Collegeville Electric Street Railway Company and the Schuylkill Valley Traction Company. The decision is a source of much gratification to the citizens of Collegeville and vicinity. After citing numerous and substantial findings of facts, comprehending statements in relation to the various actions of the borough and of the Electric Railway Companies, the Court proceeds with the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

1. The resolutions of Town Council printed and passed by the borough of Collegeville, and which are now in force, are an argument and cannot be considered as part of the answer. It is incompetent and irrelevant, and is therefore rejected.
2. When the Town Council gave its assent to the proposed Main street electric railway it had the right to impose conditions; unless the defendants accept the conditions the whole grant must fail. If the defendants refuse to accept the conditions, they build on the established grade of Main street, that has no right under the borough ordinance to build at all.
3. While the Town Council may exclude the defendant company from using the streets of the borough for street car purposes, it cannot establish by its order a grade crossing unless the Court under the act of June 10, 1871, P. L. 1299, approve a grade crossing.
4. To depress the street, so as to take the highway under the railroad, will establish a grade too steep for convenient use, will seriously interfere with the entrance to the station for hauling purposes, will interfere with the established street grade and drainage, will seriously damage private property and will impose costs upon the defendant company. While all grade crossings are dangerous, in this case the view is good in this case with its surroundings, and the crossings are comparatively straight for 1000 feet to the north and one half a mile to the south, and the crossing is not a dangerous one. The defendant company must provide the appliances, safeguards and precautions for the crossing that are approved by men of knowledge and experience in the business. We will receive suggestions, and if necessary, take testimony, and then determine upon the appliances and precautions that are to be used at the grade crossing. Let a decree be prepared accordingly.

REASONS IN SUPPORT OF OUR CONCLUSIONS.

That the local authorities in giving consent to construct a street railway on its high ways may impose conditions can not be questioned. The railway company must take such conditions to the conditions or it takes nothing. *Allegheny vs. Millville*, 100 Pa. 411, *Plymouth Township vs. Millville*, 108 Pa. 135. When the Collegeville authorities confined the defendant company to the street grade fixed by its engineer, and the grade of the highway crossed the street at grade, the trolley company can not without further permission of the municipality cut down the street so as to carry it beneath the railroad. There is, then, no occasion for any conflict between the Collegeville and the Collegeville authorities as to the grade of Main street. If the town council gave the consent upon the condition that the grade should not be cut down, then we shall not attempt to force the municipality to submit to a trolley line with its street cut down. On the contrary, the action of the town council can not control the court in establishing a grade crossing where there is no necessity for such crossing.

The refusal to have the street cut down cannot create a necessity for a grade crossing under the act of 1871. The sole question before the court is, whether it is reasonably practicable to avoid grade crossings notwithstanding the attitude taken by the town council.

In this connection we may say that street railways in cities and boroughs should meet with more favor than in country districts. Existing legislation was framed to give cities and boroughs power over their streets and control over passenger railways in the use of the streets. The law was not intended these city conveniences for long lines of transportation over country roads. Pennsylvania, *Railroad vs. Montgomery*, 100 Pa. 70. No doubt they are a convenience, especially in cities and boroughs, and it follows that the law was framed to give cities and boroughs power over their streets and control over passenger railways in the use of the streets. The law was not intended these city conveniences for long lines of transportation over country roads. Pennsylvania, *Railroad vs. Montgomery*, 100 Pa. 70. 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HOME AND ABROAD.

—Some things are a good while on the way.

—But when they get here

—They are all the more appreciated.

—Read Judge Swartz's "conclusions of law" on the editorial page.

—The new school house will be occupied by pupils and teachers next week. The building will be dedicated next month.

—Mrs. Wehler, wife of Rev. C. E. Wehler, and daughters, of Mannheim, are visiting Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Hendricks, this morning.

—The Norristown letter, elsewhere in this issue, will be found interesting.

—Jeweler Sallade, of Norristown, is ready for the Christmas season. See his ad.

—Editor Dambly of the *Transcript*, Skippack, was in town Monday morning. He is anticipating the purchase of a new printing press.

—The condition of Mrs. Super, widow of the late Dr. H. W. Super, continues to be serious.

—There are now 1029 female and 960 male patients, at total of 1989, in the insane asylum, at Norristown.

—The Board of Managers of the Perkiomen and Reading Turnpike Company will meet at the Shuler House, Pottstown, Friday.

—Book on diseases of horses, cattle, hogs, dogs, sheep and poultry mailed free by addressing Humphrey's Veterinary Specifics, corner William & John streets, New York.

—Dr. Emma Richards of Norristown, announces that she is a candidate for re-nomination for school director.

—Mrs. Louis Shock, died at Tamqua from shock at the intelligence of probably fatal injuries to her son, Clayton Shock, on the railroad.

—C. U. Bean has been elected Secretary of the Roversford Fire Company.

—Captain Fenton, of Wissahickon, and Mr. and Mrs. Fennimore, of Philadelphia, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Fenton, Sunday.

—The Harleysville News is now established in new quarters in the building erected by the proprietor, I. R. Haldean.

—Train up a hired girl in the way she should go and the first thing you know she's gone.—*Princeton Republican*.

—The Sheriff has seized the property of butcher David Scholl, of Roversford, on judgments issued by J. M. Ludwick aggregating about \$1100. Included among the property is a small farm.

—At the celebration of the golden anniversary of the O. of A., December 10, Congressman Marriot Brosius, of Lancaster, will deliver an oration in the Academy of Music, Philadelphia.

—William L. Green, of Pottstown, fell dead in the parlors of his home, Friday. He was 81 years of age. His wife survives. The couple lived together as man and wife fifty-six years.

—It is now believed that William C. Godshall, who was found in the rear of the Mansion House, Phoenixville, early Monday morning of last week, with his back broken, was murdered by burglars.

RELIGIOUS.

Episcopal service at St. James', Evansburg, every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Roversford at 3 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.

Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe. Services at 10 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Luther League at 6.30 p. m. All invited.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messenger, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer-meeting on Sunday evening at 6.30 o'clock. Congregational prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Catechetical class at 2 p. m., and Junior C. E. prayer-meeting at 3 p. m., on Saturday. All are cordially invited to attend the services.

Evansburg M. E. church, Rev. J. S. Tomlinson, pastor. Sunday school at 9.45 a. m. Preaching, Sunday, at 10.45 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League service Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and class meeting on Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

Ironbridge: Preaching, next Sabbath evening at 7.45; Sabbath School at 2 p. m.; Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. All are invited to every meeting. Strangers welcomed.

St. Paul's Methodist Protestant Episcopal church, Oaks Station. Rev. Benj. J. Douglas, rector. Sunday services at 10.45 o'clock a. m. and at 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 2.30 p. m. The seats are free and a cordial welcome is extended to all persons to attend the services of the church. "The Spirit and the Bride, say Come." Rev. XXII, 17.

Trinity Church: Wednesday evening, prayer service, 7.30 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Catechetical, Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a. m.; and preaching, at 10 o'clock a. m.; the Junior C. E. prayer service, 2 p. m., and the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service, at 7 p. m., Mr. Herman Shelly, leader, and the monthly missionary meeting, at 8 o'clock. The pastor conducts services in the Skippack church, Sunday evening, at 7.30 o'clock, and catechetical class at 6.30 o'clock.

Poultry Exhibition.

The Association are sending out the Premium Lists for their coming exhibition, Dec. 21 to 25, inclusive.

Convalescing.

County Superintendent R. F. Hofferker is slowly recovering. Though still weak he is now able to be about and attend to his correspondence.

W. C. T. U.

A regular meeting of the Collegeville W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Dr. E. A. Krusen this (Thursday) afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Sneak Thieves.

Sneak thieves visited the farm house of David Allebach, this morning, last Thursday evening, and stole several coats belonging to the hired man, and a number of other articles.

Visited the Asylum.

Poor Directors Eppheimer, Sheppard and Kuder, Almshouse physician M. Y. Weber, Solicitor and Clerk E. E. Long, Esq., and Steward Aiderfer of the county almshouse, visited the Hospital for the Insane at Norristown, last Thursday.

Some Hope.

J. M. Black, the Hulmeville (Bucks county) boy who fell forty-five feet from the cornice of the State Normal School building at West Chester, last week, has regained consciousness, and the attending physicians have some hope of his recovery.

A Good Chairman Re-elected.

The Republican County Committee met Monday morning at Norristown for the purpose of reorganization. Mr. Solly was unanimously selected for chairman for the ensuing year. The Secretaries, Walter M. Shaw and Conrad S. Sheave, were also re-elected by acclamation.

Broke His Leg in Two Places.

Amos Copenhafer, a boy in the employ of William Hetrich, of Skippack, while descending from a hay loft, last Thursday, slipped and fell to the threshing floor, breaking his leg in two places; one fracture was above and the other below the joint. He was conveyed to the home of his parents where he is receiving surgical attention.

Injured in a Runaway.

Joseph Cassel, living near Centre Point, and his son-in-law John Cook, were driving near Jeffersonville, Saturday morning, when their horse, frightened at a trolley car and dashed the wagon over a slight embankment. Both occupants were thrown out and Mr. Cassel sustained severe injuries, including a broken collar bone.

A Rains Causes Death.

The 14-month-old child of Harry Bateman, of Chain street, Norristown, was nearly choked to death from a rain which stuck in the little one's windpipe last week, when the obstruction was removed by a surgical operation. The child seemed to be recovering when inflammation set in. Death ensued Sunday evening.

Annual Meeting of the U. P. Live Stock Association.

The annual meeting of the Upper Providence Live Stock Association was held at J. B. Smoyer's hotel, Trappe, last Monday, when the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, John D. Saylor; Secretary, John Wanner; Treasurer, Horace Priest; Board of Managers—B. F. Garber, S. E. Daub, Jesse Stearley, Enos B. Poley. After the examination of the yearly accounts a balance of \$192.93 was found in the Treasurer's hands.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Trinity church Sunday School, this morning, will hold its Christmas service Thursday evening, December 23, for which an elaborate program is in course of preparation.

The Christmas service of the M. E. Sunday School, Evansburg, will be held on Thursday evening, December 23. A program of interesting exercises is being prepared.

The Sunday School of Trinity church, Skippackville, Hon. B. W. Dambly, superintendent, will hold its Christmas services on the afternoon and evening, December 26th inst. Hood's annual is the service selected.

Ministerial Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Reformed Ministerial Association of Montgomery county was held Monday in Trinity Reformed church, Pottstown, the President, Rev. J. H. Hendricks, D. D., in the chair.

After the transaction of routine business, Rev. J. E. Freeman, of Pottstown, read a paper in relation to the doctrine of the Resurrection, in which he indicated what should be the character and end and aim of such music. He pointed out the inappropriateness of many of the tunes and words of present day Sunday School music. The subject was considered by the brethren present. Dr. Hendricks read a paper in relation to the doctrine of the Resurrection, in which he demonstrated the pivotal character of Christ's resurrection in the system of Christianity, and argued that Christ's resurrection, the pledge, seal, and type of man's resurrection, was an absolute fact established by the evidence. He also presented both the older and more modern theories of man's resurrection as held by the Christian church in the past and at the present time. This paper elicited much discussion, during which the tenets of progressive orthodoxy in their bearing on the subject, were closely inquired into.

Rev. L. K. Evans, pastor, of the church, entertained the Association at the parsonage. The next meeting will be held in the First Reformed church, Spring City, January 10, 1898.

Catarah, like scrofula, is a disease of the blood and may be cured by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Barn Burned.

The large barn of Septimus Wood, in Upper Merion township, was totally destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. The stock was saved but the crops and many of the implements were consumed. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Election for Pastor.

An election for pastor will be held immediately after service next Sunday morning, December 12, at Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe. The candidate to be voted for is Rev. W. O. Fegley, of Sayre, Pa. All members are requested to be present.

A Jaw Broken.

Walter Youm, of Fairview Village, was engaged, Thursday morning, in a fight with a horse for Ellen and Anders, of Worcester, when the animal kicked him and broke his jaw. Mr. Anders drove the horse, half-clipped, to Norristown, where the job was completed.

Twenty-Seventh Anniversary.

The twenty-seventh anniversary of the Schaff Literary Society of Ursinus College will be held in Memorial Hall on Thursday evening, December 16. As has been the custom on anniversary occasions, a literary program will be presented by members of the Society.

Special Meetings.

A series of special meetings is in progress in St. Luke's Reformed church, Trappe. There will be preaching every night for a week or ten days. Several neighboring pastors have preached, and this (Thursday) evening the pulpit will be occupied by Rev. J. M. S. Eisenberg, of Spring City.

Mercantile Appraiser and Prison Inspector Chosen.

At a recent meeting of the County Commissioners Richard J. Roberts, of Lower Gwynedd, was chosen for Mercantile Appraiser, and Samuel K. Anders, of Norristown, was named for Prison Inspector, to succeed the late David Schall.

Philadelphia Markets.

Winter barn, \$13.50 @ 14.25; flour, \$3.00 to \$5.10; rye flour, \$3.10; wheat, 95¢ to 96¢; corn, 34¢; oats, 23¢; butter, 21¢ to 24¢; poultry, live, 70¢ @ 65¢, 80¢ @ 60¢; timothy hay, 60 @ 65¢, mixed, 50 @ 60¢; straw, 40 @ 45¢; beef cattle, 44 @ 45¢; sheep, 34 @ 35¢; lambs, 54 @ 55¢; hogs, western, 54 @ 55¢.

Waiting Room, Sun Parlor and Electric Lights.

The new waiting room, which is also a sun parlor when the sun shines, at Smith's restaurant, and eating house, opposite the present terminus of the trolley road, is much appreciated by persons waiting for electric cars. The room is lighted at night with electricity furnished by the Traction Company.

The Work of Robbers.

Butcher H. B. Bean, of Eagleville, was a surprised and aggravated individual Saturday morning, and he had reason to be. He arose about 2 o'clock, to find a fine steer he had slaughtered the day before and placed in his market wagon, when he discovered that his wagon house had been broken open and that about all the meat, worth \$45, was gone.

A Long Pipe Line.

The pipe line recently constructed through the upper section of the county by the National Transit Company, is the longest to be found anywhere. It is 128 miles in length and extends from Millway in Lancaster county to Bayonne, N. J. Millway is a central pumping station from which place the oil will be sent to Bayonne, the New York end of the line. The pipe, made of the best steel, is eight feet in diameter and will hold 320 barrels to the minute.

Masonic Officials Chosen.

At a meeting of Warren Lodge, No. 310 F. and A. M., Trappe, last Saturday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. M., Dr. H. P. Keeley; S. W., M. R. Longstreth; Esq.; J. W., Dr. M. Y. Weber; Secretary, A. D. Fetterolf; Treasurer, Dr. Warren Royer; Trustees—F. R. Deeds, Dr. J. W. Royer, and J. W. S. Gross; Representative to Grand Lodge, A. H. Hendricks, Esq.

Death of Mrs. Richards.

Annie, wife of James Richards, formerly of Norristown, died after an illness of five weeks, in Upper Providence, near Mingo, Saturday evening, aged 31 years. Dropsy was the cause of death. A husband and three children—one daughter and two sons aged 3, 5, and 8 years—survive. The funeral was held yesterday (Wednesday) at 10 a. m. Interment in St. Mary's cemetery, Chester county. Undertaker J. S. Kepler, of Trappe, had charge of the remains.

FROM FAIRVIEW VILLAGE.

A. J. Truckess lost a valuable cow, the finest of his herd, last week.

The heirs of David Custer, deceased, have sold the farm belonging to the estate of the deceased, in Upper Fairview, to Uriah D. Custer, for \$9,000. The farm comprises 100 acres of good land and substantial improvements.

The Farmers' Union Horse Company held their 66th annual meeting at Swartley's Hall last Saturday, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Daniel M. Anders (as successor to David Truckess, deceased, who held the office for 55 years); Vice-President, Charles S. Anders; Treasurer, Andrew J. Saylor; Secretary, A. J. Truckess. The Company is in a flourishing condition, with a membership of 105 and \$312.12 in the treasury. The Secretary, A. J. Truckess, read at the meeting a history of the Horse Company from the date of its organization 66 years ago up to the present time, which was very much appreciated by the Company.

Meeting of Literary Society Postponed.

On account of the rain, Saturday evening, the meeting of the Methodist Literary Society at Lower Providence, was postponed to Saturday evening, December 11. Mr. Kramer has two more prizes to add to that of Dante's Inferno, offered to literary contestants. The one is a series of 12 volumes of the classics, and the other will be a booby prize. Members desiring to take the contest will please attend and give their names to the Secretary. The books will be at the meeting for inspection.

Carriage Upset.

Wednesday of last week Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fitzwater, of Port Providence, had quite a narrow escape from very serious injuries.

They were on their way home from the funeral of Dr. Super, and in turning the corner at Fenton's store their horse, a spirited animal, slipped on the bricks at the crossing and fell down, and in falling turned the carriage over. Assistance was promptly at hand to control the horse and right up to the vehicle. Mrs. Fitzwater was slightly injured. Only a few repetitions were needed to enable Mr. and Mrs. Fitzwater to resume their journey homeward.

Meeting of Ladies' Aid Society.

The last monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society for the year 1897 was held Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Landes, on Main street. The following officers for the ensuing year, nominated at the previous meeting of the Society, were elected by acclamation: President, Adele Miller; V. Presidents, Miss F. Hamer, Mrs. J. C. Landes, Mrs. J. H. Hendricks, Mrs. L. H. Ingram, Miss Sara Casselberry; Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. G. Hobson; Financial Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Fetterolf; Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Paist. After the transaction of routine business an entertaining literary and musical program was announced.

Clemmer in Jail.

James A. Clemmer, charged with being implicated in the murder of Emma Kaiser, was lodged in Norristown jail Thursday night, having been brought from Newark, N. J., by Chief-of-Police Rodenbough. A preliminary hearing was given the prisoner before Magistrate Lenhardt Saturday afternoon. A number of witnesses were examined by District Attorney Strassberger, and at least two of them identified Clemmer as being connected with the Kaiser and Lizzie DeKalb. Since the hearing evidence has come to light which will prove that Lizzie DeKalb stole a horse from a liveryman at Berwyn on September 6. A number of people have believed for some time that Clemmer, Kaiser and DeKalb are guilty of stealing quite a number of horses in Montgomery county.

MEETINGS OF TOWN COUNCILS.

A regular meeting of the Collegeville Town Council was held in Firemen's hall Friday evening, President G. Z. Vandervelde in the chair. All members were present except Mr. Allebach, whose illness still prevents him from going out-of-doors. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The street and road Committee were authorized to prepare a report in relation to Main street and present the same at the next meeting. Orders were granted for the payment of a number of bills. The clerk was authorized to notify the property owners on the northwest side of Fifth avenue west of Main street to make the sidewalk in front of their premises the full width of seven feet and place the same in good condition, within 30 days. The property owners along said street will not be required to curb or place flagging on the sidewalk this year, but the work done now in widening and filling up the walk will be that that much work toward preparing for the placing of flagstones. That the sidewalk on the northwest side of Fifth avenue needs to be at least temporarily repaired is admitted by everybody.

The Town Council of Trappe met in regular session in Captain D. M. Fulmer's office, Monday evening. In addition to the usual routine business, the committee on grade and drainage of the town was accepted. The street and road Committee was authorized to put the state road in good condition.

TUBERCULOSIS.

We have at hand a letter from Dr. E. Mayhew Michener, of North Wales, the Veterinarian who represented the State at the recent killing of diseased cattle at Mr. Schreiber's place, Skippack. He informs us that "ten thousand dollars have just been granted the Board for carrying on the work for the three months ending March 1, 1898. Beginning with January 1, 1898, all cattle brought into Pennsylvania for dairy or breeding purposes will be inspected. This is a greatly protect our stock. Upon application from the owners suspected tuberculous cattle in this State are tested, and if diseased are killed and paid for to the extent of not exceeding \$25.00 for any one animal of common or unregistered stock, and not exceeding \$50.00 for any registered animal." The Dr. also kindly submits a few well established facts (which we feel sure will be appreciated by the public) in relation to tuberculosis, as follows:—

1. Tuberculosis is a contagious disease.

2. Its direct cause is the germ called tubercle bacillus.

3. This germ is identical in human and marine tuberculosis.

4. One-sixth of the total number of deaths in the human family are due to some form of this disease.

5. Milk and meat of tuberculous cattle frequently contain the germs of the disease.

6. Feeding experiments (on the lower animals) and observation (in the human family) show that the disease may be produced by food containing the germs.

7. The expectorations of tuberculous human beings, or lower animals, frequently contain the germs which on becoming dry floats as dust in the air.

8. This germ is the cause of a very common way of contracting the disease.

Are You Registered?

S. S. Angee, Assessor of Collegeville, will be at Firemen's Hall next Tuesday and Wednesday to register the names of all unregistered voters.

Congratulated on Her 87th Birthday.

Mrs. Esther Detwiler, residing with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Hobson of this borough, was 87 years old last Sunday. Mrs. Detwiler received no less than twenty-four congratulatory letters from her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The aged lady is in excellent physical and mental condition— hale, hearty, and happy; and here is our wish that she may enjoy life for years to come.

FROM OAKS.

The station known as Fatland on the Pennsylvania Schuylkill Valley R. R., is to be changed to Protector. The name and the location have been changed so often, it is no doubt this change will stand perhaps as long as time lasts. In colonial times it was Fatland. It is yet. When the Pennsy R. R. built a road through the old historic grounds, cleaving Washington's lane into bits, they established a station and called it Locust Wood.

A new road was cut through from the Pawling Bridge road, at Locustwood Cottage, once the residence of Major Newbold, following the line of the old Baptist road, which formed the meets and bounds of the Fatland Farm, owned by the Dr. Wetherill estate, and is called the Baptist road ending at Fatland Station. Now the Catholic Rectory school, a most worthy institution, has been erected near by, and the station is to be known as Protector.

Some parties unknown have been embellishing the stove and other furniture at the supper room of the station of the Pennsy R. R. It is a flag station and no station agent, though Joe Thomas is agent ex-officio. It is a rendezvous for tramps, bums, and nondescripts, and last Saturday morning a detective backed by a posse, made a descent on the place, and after making a lap or two around the building, found "they were doing good" as there was nobody about.

The porcine war has begun and the big fat hogs that have been slaughtered beats the record. Over in Chester county Dick Courtbert has a hog that will weigh 600 pounds. A man by the name of Jackson killed three, weighing over four hundred; will have fifteen hundred pounds of pork. David Hays killed several fine porkers, and Charles Harvey will be in on time with another. Harry Cressman has reduced one of his hogs to long meat. Always butcher on the increase of the moon; you will not have more pork than your hogs weigh, but the pork will not cook to almost nothing. Pare your corns and toe nails in the old of the moon and they won't grow so fast; and have your hair cut in cork screw style so your hat will stay on your head in windy weather.

Abe Brower says he has not heard anything of his appointment to the Mint. Well, he is deserving of a good office.

A force of men are repairing the lock at Brower's, getting ready, no doubt, for a boom of prosperity on the canal next spring.

The Emperor of Germany is an awful brave fellow. Proposes to build Haiti out of existence. France undertook to establish an empire in Mexico, and Maximilian lost his head. Spain endeavored to establish autonomy for Cuba, and the Cubans are no doubt able to govern themselves, for they know how to fight.

Mint juleps should be plenty in the Klondike region, for all reports agree that more whiskey than food reaches Dawson City for the starving miners.

Jesse Jarret, of Shannonsville, recently had a cow killed by the State Veterinarian. The cows were affected with tuberculosis.

Miss May Wesler, of Port Providence, was very pleasantly surprised by about 35 of her friends, one evening last week, it being the 18th anniversary of her birthday.

Messrs. Hood and Hedrick have purchased a hay baler.

Last Sunday evening was the last of the revival services at Port Providence. Seven converts came forward.

Joseph Brower has had a cataract removed from his eye and is doing very well. He is stopping with his son in Philadelphia. After he recovers from this operation another is to be performed, and it is expected he will recover his eyesight again.

Friday and Friday night the surface of this mundane sphere underwent a miniature glacial period. Sinking sand was no circumstance, for should you flee to the mountains in a clanking car, you would not slip up and sit down before you got there. There was snow at Allentown.

Overdorf shot a huge pole cat on Friday last. Said cat was eating himself to his turkeys and chickens. Still has a few turkeys left and one thousand chickens.

Fifty-two "possums and two coons so far this season. Colored population eat so many they look wild over their eyes. If you say scat, they'll climb a tree.

John Shull's new stable is about completed, and it is a dandy. Some of the boys expected Shull to set out a coon lunch when his barn was finished, but they were disappointed.

The wind bloweth where it listeth even so ever doth it blow through his whiskers.

The Director of Public Safety of Oaks proposes having the hitching post at Edelman's and Doctor Rambo's set back to the fence.

If ice freezes hard enough in November to bear a duck, we will have a wet, sloppy winter. Ice, if any, will disappear about the holidays. When we say duck we do not mean a duck of a bonnet, or hat, but a common, ordinary duck.

If the goose bone is dark we will have a hard winter. If, well if we continue our itinerancy on this orb until spring, we can tell you more about the weather we have had, on which perfect reliance can be placed.

John U. Francis, Jr., our enterprising merchant, has had quite a number of peach trees set out on his lots on Brower's lane.

Saturday night last nominations were made for officers of the Upper Providence Republican Club, but the weather was so very unpropitious very few could get there. President Higginbotham was laid up with a very bad cold and could not get out, but proposes to be on hand on Saturday night, Dec. 11. We may be premature in saying a meeting will be held this Saturday night, as the President has not conferred with the officers of the Club, but come out Saturday night anyway and see what's what.

What's become of the big Republican in the central part of our district who won't vote for anybody who lives in Mont Clair?

Could Friday's ice storm go on the list of snows for the winter?

A SUCCESSFUL SUPPER.

The supper and bazar, in the new public school house, last Thursday afternoon and evening, was an entire success. The sum realized—about \$130—will aid materially in furnishing the rooms of the new building, of which Collegeville is feeling justly proud.

The wives of the School Directors—Mrs. E. A. Krusen, Mrs. J. W. Culbert, Mrs. A. H. Halteman, Mrs. F. G. Hobson and Mrs. Jesse Laros, with Mrs. W. P. Fenton as Chairman, had the supper in charge, and, together with their efficient aids in the various departments, succeeded in making everything attractive and comfortable. The tables in the supper room were pleasing in appearance and the various dishes were served in a tasty and appetizing style. Not the least noticeable thing on the tables were the menu cards which were procured through the efforts of Mrs. James L. Paist. In an adjoining room the cake, candy, flower, and fancy work tables, presented a pleasing aspect. One of the most artistic and refreshing features of the room, however, was the moss covered wall from which lemonade was served, under the management of Miss Esther Allebach and her aids Misses Flora Grubb and Ella Riegner.

Mrs. Henry Yost and Mrs. G. W. Gottschalk replenished the supply of lemonade from time to time, and an adjacent room. The support received from the residents of the borough was so generous that it would seem the proper thing to mention each and all who contributed in any way to the success of the evening, but as that is impossible we compromise by giving as nearly as possible the names of those who were actively engaged at the supper. The chairman of the various committees, and their aids, follow: Ice cream—Mrs. F. G. Hobson; ham—Mrs. W. P. Fenton, Mrs. Samuel Casselberry, Mrs. G. Bartholomew, Mrs. A. W. Wright; butter—Mrs. Abram Tyson, Miss Sallie Koffie, Mrs. Isaiah Bradford; home-made bread—Mrs. Frank Ashenfelter, Mrs. Daniel Walt, Miss Anna Wismer; eggs—Mrs. Lewis B. Wismer; celery—Mrs. J. B. Stoner; chicken salad—Mrs. J. L. Paist; milk and cream—Mrs. Samuel D. Lachman, Mrs. Klausfelder; coffee—Mrs. John Bartman; flowers—Mrs. A. B. Hess, Sue Moser, Mabel Hobson, Marjorie Spangler, fancy work—Mrs. Fann Hanner, Miss Bertha Hanner, Stella Bolton, Katharine Laros, Frances G. Moser, candy—Mrs. Joseph W. Culbert, Mrs. Ray Grater, Misses May Culbert, Stella Faringer, Tillie Gristick; cake—Mrs. A. M. Halteman, Misses Laura Halteman, Anna Ashenfelter, Bertha Moser; oysters—Mrs. Thomas Sheridan

